

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

HOWER-SLOTE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Fort Freeland House

**USE THIS COPY
FOR DUPLICATING**

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

0.35 km south of Warrior Run Blvd., 2½ km

northwest of forks in Warrior Run

CITY, TOWN

Lewis Township

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

17

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Northumberland

CODE

097

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: empty

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

School District of the Township of Lewis

STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN

Turbotville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

PA 17772

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Northumberland Co. Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Market Square

CITY, TOWN

Sunbury

STATE

PA 17801

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pa. Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

January 22, 1979

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hower-Slote house is situated on the top of a slight rise remote from major traffic routes. It is a 2½ story rectangular building, 40 x 28'. Constructed of brick laid in common bond, it is 5 bays wide by 2 bays deep, with a central door and hallway. The style is typical of area Pa. German-built farmhouses of the early 19th century.

The gable roof has a slight projection on the front and rear facades only, and each gable end contains one centrally placed chimney. The front slope of the roof has a standing seam galvanized steel roof which covers the original pine shingles. The rear slope is covered with badly deteriorated slate.

All windows are double hung 6 over 6 sashes and were originally equipped with panelled shutters both on the first and second floors. Although the window frames are in fair condition, most of the rails and muntins are badly deteriorated. The foundation is dressed limestone with an exterior basement entrance on the front facade and several small half-windows in side walls.

The centrally located front entrance is slightly recessed with side lights and a rectangular transom. The front door has 8 raised panels. Each end elevation is 2 bays wide with a pair of quarter round lights at the attic level. Windows are widely spaced on either side of the central interior chimney. The rear elevation has 3 bays; a 6 panel door is located slightly to the right of center. The facade shows traces of a former one story porch or lean-to located over the back door.

The interior is 2 rooms deep with a central hall and stairway, creating 4 rooms on each floor. Nearly all of the original interior woodwork is present, including mantels, chairs rails and kitchen cabinets. The newel post for the stairway is missing. The single surviving interior door lock is a beautifully made, unsigned Pa. German type most frequently found in the Lebanon Valley. Other hardware remains includes several fine Baldwin door hinges from the second quarter of the 19th century.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hower-Slote house is a representative example of the brick houses constructed in the Warrior Run area prior to the 1850's and is in near original condition. There is no other similar house in the area with as much original fabric remaining. Its restoration will be a community effort with very significant spin-off value. Many features including original woodwork, hardware, etc., remain in good condition and can be restored.

The site of the house is significant for 2 reasons. The Revolutionary War Fort Freeland was located at this site and archaeological investigations are currently underway to learn more about it. The other reason for its significance is that it was once part of a 2 acre plantation operated by John Frederick Hower (1794-1801), his son John Hower (1801-1826), and grandson Enoch Hower (1826-1841). This plantation was the site of early grist and saw mills (1772), a fulling mill (1806), a later grist mill, and other commercial enterprises.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Northumberland Co., Pa., Chicago: Brown Rink and Co., 1891.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15

QUADRANGLE NAME Milton, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 | 3491400 | 4551500

B 18 | 3491360 | 4551380

C 18 | 3491800 | 4551260

D 18 | 3490000 | 4551320

E 18 | 3490200 | 4551500

F

G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dean R. Wagner

ORGANIZATION

Wagner & Wagner, Consultants

DATE

717-962-3351

STREET & NUMBER

Maple Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Beech Creek

STATE

PA

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
 TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

5666 III NE
 (MUNCY)

9 MI. TO U.S. 220

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A E 349400
 N 4551500

349000
 D 4551320

B 349360
 4551380

E 349200
 4551500

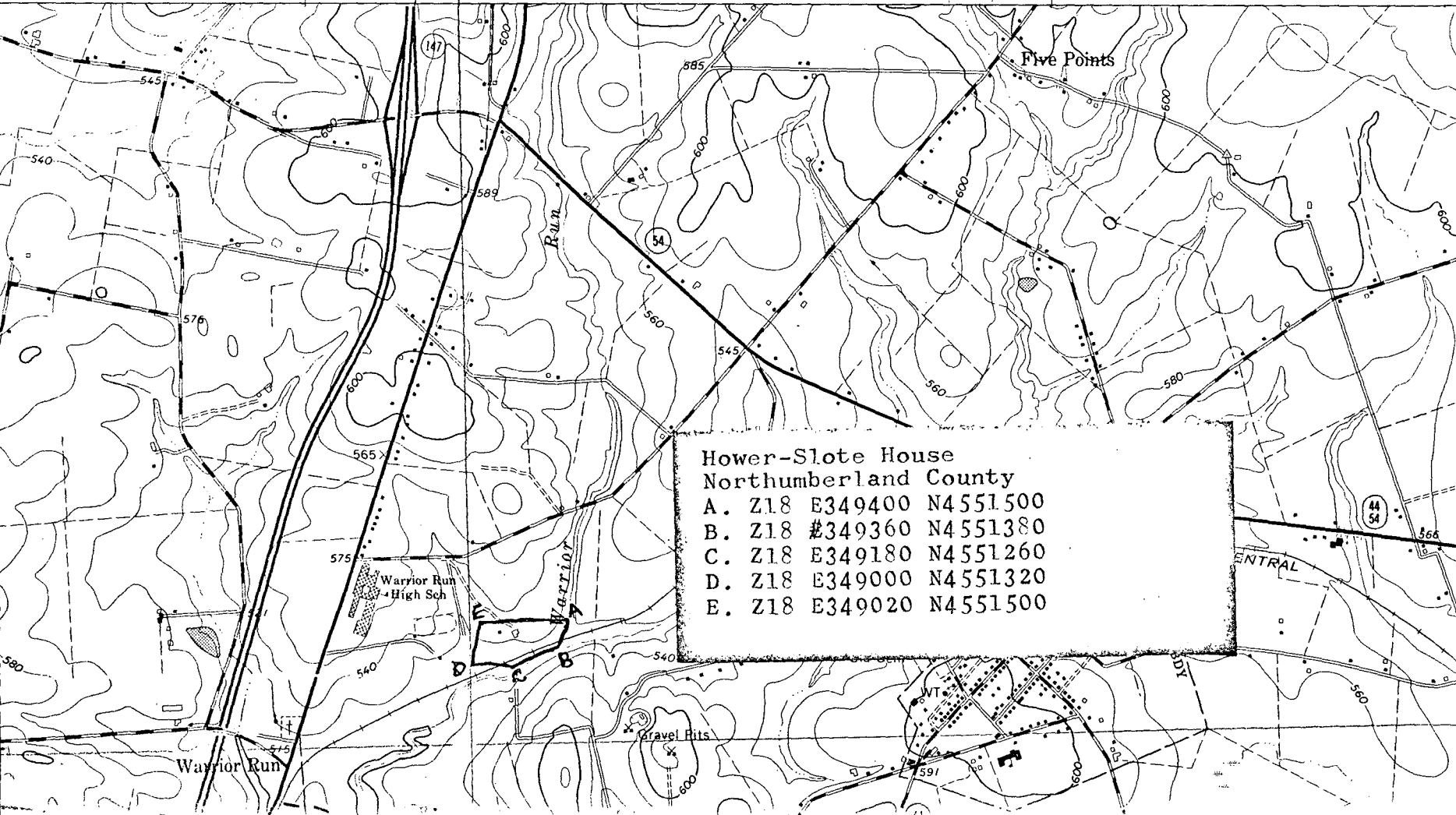
MILTON QUADRANGLE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SE/4 MILTON 15' QUADRANGLE

5666 IINW
 (HUGHESVILLE)

2 270 000 FEET 1352

76°45'
 41°07'30"

350 000
 FEET



Hower-Slote House
 Northumberland County
 A. Z18 E349400 N4551500
 B. Z18 #349360 N4551380
 C. Z18 E349180 N4551260
 D. Z18 E349000 N4551320
 E. Z18 E349020 N4551500

EXCHANGE (VIA PA. 44) 3.4 MI.
 BLOOMSBURG 20 MI.

4551